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IN REPLY TO NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS AT DELHI AIRPORT, WHERE SHE WENT THIS AFTERNOON TO RECEIVE PRESIDENT SENGHOR OF SENEGAL, PRIME MINISTER GANDHI WAS REPORTED, ACCORDING TO THE PTI (PRESS TRUST OF INDIA) WIRE SERVICE, TO HAVE REAFFIRMED INDIA'S FIRM COMMITMENT TO PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY." PTI'S REPORT OF THE AIRPORT PRESS QUERIES CONTINUES: "THE EXPLOSION WAS A RESULT OF INDIA'S NORMAL NUCLEAR RESEARCH AND STUDY, MRS. GANDHI SAID IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION... MRS. GANDHI, WHO APPEARED CHEERFUL, TOLD ANOTHER QUESTIONER THAT THE EXPLOSION WAS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE IN INDIA. ASKED IF THE EXPLOSION WOULD RAISE INDIA'S PRESTIGE AMONG THE DEVELOPING NATIONS, THE PRIME MINISTER REPLIED, " I NEVER BOTHER ABOUT PRESTIGE." SHE SAID, "IT IS NOTHING TO GET EXCITED ABOUT. WE ARE FIRMLY COMMITTED ONLY TO THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY."

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